

Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)

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To Whom It May Concern:

Recent improvements in intraosseous (IO) technology now provides clinicians with a very effective and low-risk alternative for immediate vascular access in emergent situations. IO access may be considered as an alternative to high-risk femoral lines, and can also be used as a central line bridge in critical situations when the patient's condition does not allow for adherence to central line insertion protocol. The Infusion Nurses Society and the Emergency Nurses Association both have formal positions which support intraosseous access. AHA guidelines also recommend the IO route prior to central lines for patients in cardiac arrest and have been recommended for the pediatric population for many years. I respectfully request that IO access be considered a standard vascular access alternative, and be included in the upcoming guidelines according to the most recent evidence.

Respectfully,

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